

FORM B - BUILDING

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Area(s)

Form Number
1114,1115



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Follen Hill

Address 11 Robbins Road

Historic Name Douglas & Katherine Gleason House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1931

Source Lexington Valuation List

Style/Form 20th century Eclectic

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation fieldstone

Wall/Trim live edge wood siding

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage (MHC #1115)

Major Alterations (with dates) date? - rear addition

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 57,499 SF

Setting set behind 15 Robbins Rd. in mixed 20th century
residential neighborhood



Recorded by Lisa Mausolf

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) July 2000

BUILDING FORM (11 Robbins Road)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Constructed in 1931, the Gleason House (MHC #1114) is a 1 1/2-story dwelling displaying an L-shaped plan and capped by a steeply-pitched, asphalt-shingled gable roof. The house is set on a fieldstone foundation and most of the exterior is sheathed in a distinctive live edge wood siding which found limited popularity in the 1930s. The main entrance is located in a three-sided, conical roofed vestibule at the junction of the two sections and contains an arched wooden door. The entrance is fronted by a stone stoop and steps. An exterior stone fireplace is located at the end of the longer section, near the glazed sunporch which rests on a stone foundation. Windows include 6/6 sash and doublehung windows displaying diamond panes in the upper sash over a single light lower sash. There is a hip dormer above the entrance and a wood-shingled shed dormer has been added at the rear of the house.

The house is set uphill on a wooded lot behind 15 Robbins Road. Across from the house is a gablefront garage (MHC #1115), also clad in live edge wood siding and set on a concrete foundation. The original garage doors are stored inside the garage. Each panel displays 3 x 2-lights over two vertical panels. Remaining fenestration consists of 6/1 windows.

About fifty feet from the house at the top of the hill in the back yard are the remains of the East Lexington stone water tower.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This house was constructed for Douglas and Katherine Gleason in 1931 on lot 85 of the Lexington Heights subdivision. Directories indicate that Gleason was employed as an electrician. The property was sold by the Gleasons to Janet and Jason Woodward in 1953 and the Woodward family continues to own the property today.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.

Lexington Directories, various dates.

Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attached a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
Lexington

Property Address
11 Robbins Road
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Massachusetts Historical Commission
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